

H.R.1163 To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri. (Introduced in House) HR 1163 IH 111th CONGRESS 1st Session H. R. 1163 To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri. IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES February 24, 2009 Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned A BILL To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE SARPY COUNTY REGION. (a) In General- The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38, United States Code, a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve the needs of veterans and their families. (b) Consultation in Selection of Site- Before selecting the site for the national cemetery established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with-- (1) appropriate officials of the State of Nebraska and local officials in the Sarpy County region; and (2) appropriate officials of the Federal Government, including the Administrator of General Services, with respect to land belonging to the Federal Government in that area that would be suitable to establish the national cemetery under subsection (a). (c) Authority To Accept Donation of Parcel of Land- (1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property. The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction over such parcel of real property, and shall use such parcel to establish the national cemetery under subsection (a). (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT- For purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes, the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall be considered as a gift to the United States. (d) Report- As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the establishment of the national cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the costs associated with such establishment. (e) Sarpy County Region Defined- In this Act, the term `Sarpy County region' means the geographic area consisting of-- (1) Knox, Antelope, Boone, Nance, Merrick, Hamilton, Clay, Nuckolls, Thayer, Fillmore, York, Polk, Platte, Madison, Pierce, Cedar, Wayne, Stanton, Colfax, Butler, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Gage, Lancaster, Saunders, Dodge, Cuming, Thurston, Dixon, Dakota, Burt, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson counties in the State of Nebraska; (2) Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Woodbury, Monona, Harrison, Pottawatomie, Mills, Fremont, Osceola, Dickinson, O'Brien, Clay, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Ida, Sac, Crawford, Carroll, Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie, Cass, Adair, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Page, Taylor, and Ringgold counties in the State of Iowa; and (3) Atchison, Holt, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Clinton, Dekalb, Andrew, Nodaway, Worth, and Gentry counties in the State of Missouri.



